DEMAND XV—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 815 under Demand XV—Medical Department. This demand is made up of three items. The first item of Rs. 180 is for a local allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem for the additional Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Hospital for Lepers. Till the middle of 1100 there was only one Assistant. As the work was very heavy for an Assistant, the Board of Visitors to the Hospital for Lepers recommended the appointment of a second assistant. This Council sanctioned the salary of the second assistant last Karkatakam. But the local allowance for this assistant had not been included in the budget. As the work of the assistant is increasing owing to the adoption of recent methods of treatment, and as one of the assistants had been getting a local allowance, I trust this House will sanction the same allowance being given to the second assistant.

The second item is for the opening of a dispensary at Tumpaman. This recommendation was made some months back. The Government is prepared to open the dispensary without further delay. If the House sanctions this demand, it can be done in Edavam.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): At which part of Tumpaman is it proposed to be opened—towards the east or the west?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): The dispensary is to be located not far from the M. G. School.

The third item relates to the opening of a dispensary at Kumili.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jenmies*): തുമ്പമണ്ണിലേക്കു ഒരു ആയുർവേദആശുപത്രി സ്ഥാപിച്ചാൽമതിയാകുമോ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): I do not know whether the people wanted an Ayurvedic Dispensary. The people have petitioned for an Allopathic Dispensary. I do not think there has been any request for an Ayurvedic Dispensary.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jenmies*): അവിടെ ആയുർവേദ ആശുപത്രി വേണമെന്നു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): I have no information upon that. No such request has been brought to my notice.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jenmies*): ആയുർവേദആശുപത്രി സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനൊ അതല്ല ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്ആശുപത്രി സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നത് the ക്കൂടുതൽ ധനവ്യയം ഉള്ളതു? is has has to

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MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI (*Jennies*): ആയുർവേദ ചികിത്സകൊണ്ടു സാധാരണ ക്കുടുതൽ ഉപയോഗം ജനങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതറിയാമൊ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): No, I do not think that the Ayurvedic Dispensary will meet all the needs of the people as an Allopathic Dispensary would.

With regard to the third item, a sum of Rs. 75 per mensem was given to the British Dispensary at Tekkadi for attending to the needs of the P. W. D. coolies and other Government servants at Kumili. But as the British Government have removed their Dispensary to Periyar, our people at Kumili are left without medical aid. If the House will sanction this expenditure, the dispensary can be opened from Edavam this year.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions this demand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there was any representation from the people of Kumili for a Dispensary there?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mrs. Lukose has resumed her seat. You cannot put a question to her now.

The demand was put and carried.

DEMAND XIX. SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 105 under Demand XIX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments. This is required for appointing an additional Library Assistant on Rs. 20 and one Library Attendant on Rs. 15. It was reported by the Honorary Secretary in charge of the Public Library that the present staff of the Institution is utterly inadequate to cope with the heavy work of that Institution. It was said that the present staff for attending to the issue of books in the Book Room consists of one Assistant Librarian and one attendant. And there are five other attendants; four of them are attached to the Reading Rooms, two attendants are in the Members' Room and two attendants in the General Reading Room. These attendants, have to attend from early morning at seven o'clock to eight in the evening so that they have to do it by turns. Of the two attendants attached to the Members' Room, one takes turn in the morning and another in the evening. Then there is another attendant known as the relieving attendant, and his services are used for taking turns on Sundays.

Now the work in the Book Room has increased very largely. From statistics we see that while there were only 95 members in 1095, in 1100, the number of members was 185. Under eight-anna subscribers, the number has increased from 49 to 100 and the number of

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